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CONNECTED THEREWITH FOR CONNECTING WITH A ROD  
  
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Examiner : Annette R. Reimers  
  
Docket No. : 56524/B884

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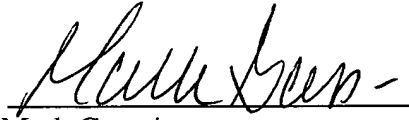
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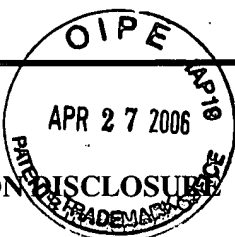
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